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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - KISSINGER VISIT

1 CAIRO PRESS ON AUGUST 23 COVERS SECRETARY KISSINGER'S TRIP BOTH BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT UNDER FRONTPAGE BANNERHEADLINES. DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENTS HAMDY FOUAD AND ADLY GALAL OF AL-AHRAM, REPORTING FROM ALEXANDRIA, GIVE ACCURATE TRANSCRIPT OF YILIENT PARTS OF PRESS STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT SADAT AND SECRETARY BEFORE THEIR FIRST MEETING AT MAAMOURA REST HOUSE. AL-AHRAM ALSO REPORTS THAT SECRETARY CARRIED WITH HIM TO GOE "ISRAELI VIEWS ON REMAINING ASPECTS OF PROPOSED ACCORD ON SECOND DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES IN SINAI." AL-AHRAM ATTRIBUTES TO EGYPTIAN PRESIDENTIAL SPOOKES-MAN BASIR STATEMENT THAT "PRESIDENT SADAT REVIEWED WITH SZVRETARY ALL ASPECTS OF ACCORD AS WELL AS POINTS THAT ARE STILL UN-RESOLVED." BASHIR IS ALSO QUOTED BY AL-AHRAM AS SAYING THAT SECRETARY WILL LEAVE FOR SAMASCUS SATURDAY MORNING "TO DISCUSS WITH PRESIDENT ASSAD POSSIBILITIES OF REACHING SIMILAR ACCORD

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ON FORCES DISENGAGE-

MENT IN GOLAN.: BASHIR ADDED THA EARLY WARNING STATIONS "ARE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION" AND THAT "LINE EAST OF PASSES TO WHICH ISRAELI FORCES WILL WITHDRAGDHAS NOT YET BEEN DEFINED."

2. IN ANOTHER PART OF STORY, AL-AHRAM PUBLISHED GIST OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN BEFORE SADAT-KISSINGER MEETING TO EFFECT THAT "GOE IS TILL DETERMINED TO DISCUSS PROGRESS IN ALL FRONTS BECAUSE PEACE MEANS ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL ARAB TERRITORIES AND JUST SETTLEMENT OF PALESTINIAN QUESTION." SPOKESMAN CALLED SUCCESS IN PRESENT PHASE OF TALKS "NEW ARAB GAIN IN FIRST PLACE."

3. SEPARATELY, AL-AHRAM FRONTPAGES OTHER STATEMENTS BY BASHIR WITHOUT INDICATION AS TO WHERE AND WHEN THEY WERE GIVEN. "STANDARD RULING OUR ACTION IN THIS PHASE (OF TALKS) IS PROGRESS TOWARD JUST AND PERMANENT PEACE ON BASIS OF ENDING OCCUPATION AND SECURING PALESTINIAN RIGHTS," BASHIR SAID. HE ADDED THAT "ANY MOVEMENT IN THIS DIRECTION IS CONSIDERED CONSTRUCTIVE AND EFFECTIVE." BASHIR ALSO REXPALAINED THAT "WE ARE TRYING, AS WE DID BEFORE, TO HAVE PROGRESS MADE ON OTHER FRONTS, ESPECIALLY SYRIAN FRONT." :9..3,58,& 9, "ALLEGATION THAT NEW ACCORD WILL LIMIT ARAB EFFORTS TO LIQUIDATE ISRAELI OCCUPATION," BASHIR SAID: "HISTORY DOES NOT RECOGNIZE LIMIT FOR PEOPLE'S FREEDOM TO END OCCUPATION AND ACHIEVE FULL INDEPENDENCE." SIMILAR VERSION OF SAME STATEMENTS IS REPORTED IN AL-GOMHURIYA.

4. FURTHER STATEMENTS BY BASHIR FOLLOWING MAAMOURA MEETING ARE ALSO WELL COVERED BY AL-AHRAM. BASHIR DECLINED TO GIVE SPECIFIC ANSWER TO INQUIRY ON WHETHER GOE HAD ACCEPTED ISRAELI CONTROL OF MONITORING STATIONS AFTER ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM PASSES. FURTHERMVRE, BASHIR EXPLAINED THAT LINE OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWL EAST OF PASSES "HAS NOT BEEN DEFINED YET." BASHIR THEN INDICATED THAT INEF MANDATE WILL BE RENEWED ANNUALLY.

5. AL-AHRAM'S STORY ALSO INCLUDES SECRETARY'S STATEMENT AT RAS EL-TIN PALACE THAT "BEST EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO STEER TALKS TO SUCCESSFUL END," AND THAT HE IS "REASONABLY HOPEFUL THIS TIME." ON THIS THEME, AL-AHRAM ALSO QUOTES "TOP U.S. OFFICIAL" AS SAYING THAT "SECRETARY THIS TIME HAS GREAT HOPES UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR AGREEMENT, DESPITE PRESENCE OF SOME PROBLEMS (GAPS) BETWEEN BOTH PARTIES." HE DESCRIBED THESE GAPS AS "OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE." OFFICIAL SAID SECRETARY FEARS THAT ANY PARTY MAY MAGNIFY THESE PROBLEMS AND THUS HAMPER ACCORD. OFFICIAL, AL-AHRAM REPORTS, REFERRED TO "WIDE POSSIBILITY THAT ACCORDH8)) ?3 8,858-)3\$ 5#8 58.3." SECRETARY WILL THEN RETURN TO U.S. TO DELIVER U.N. ADDRESS AND SUBMIT ALL SECTIONS OF ACCORD TO CONGRESS." 2. SECRETARY'S TALKS IN ISRAEL WERE GIVEN SEPARATE BUT PROMNENT

COVERAGE IN AL-AHRAM. IN MEETING WITH RABIN, IT REPORTS, SECRETARY DISCUSSED "ISRAELI VIEWS ON FEW REMAINING ASPECTS OF ACCORD." STORY QUOTES ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO'S STATEMENT THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCORD WILL REQUIRE "MORE THAN SIX MONTHS AFTER SIGNING." ACCORDING TO UPI, SECRETARY TOLD RECEPTION GUESTS THAT ACCORD, WHICH HE HOPES TO CONCLUDE BEFORE SEPTEMBER, "IS IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD TOTAL PEACE SETTLEMENT IN FUTURE." ACCORDING TO UPI, SECRETARY AND OTHER U.S. DELEGATION MEMBERS "MADE GREAT EFFORT TO CONVINCE ISRAELI OFFICIALS THAT BOTH KING HUSSEIN AND PRESIDENT ASSAD (NOT ONLY PRESIDENT SADAT) WANT PEACE."

7. ON BASIS OF STATEMENT BY ISRAELI OFFICIAL SOURCES, AFP REPORTED THAT U.S. GUARANTEES TO ISRAEL FOLLOWING ACCORD WILL INCLUDE REGULAR SUPPLY OF ARMS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. BESIDES, ISRAEL WILL RECEIVE "FOR FIRST TIME" PLEDGE THAT U.S. WILL COME TO HELP IN CASE OF "THREAT FROM GREAT POWER." THESE SOURCES ADDED THAT U.S. WILL A) COMPENSATE ISRAEL FOR OIL LOSS, (?) OFFER 2,000 MILLION AID, AND C) "COORDINATE POSITIONS WITH ISRAEL IN FACE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, ESPECIALLY GENEVA CONFERENCE." AL-AHRAM REFERS TO ISRAELI PRESS EDITORIAL TO EFFECT THAT, ACCORDING TO ACCORD, ISRAEL IS FORCED TO ABANDON STRATEGIC ADVANTAGES WITHOUT APPROPRIATE POLITICAL RETURNS FROM EGYPT.

8. FROM ALEXANDRIA, AL-GOMHURIYA'S CORRESPONDENT HODA TAWFIK REPORTS THAT SECRETARY WILL SHOW PRESIDENT SADAT PHOTOS OF PROPOSED ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL LINES, EGYPTIAN ADVANCEMENT LINES AND MONITORING POSTS. STORY INCLUDES: A) TRANSCRIPT OF MAJOR PRESS STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT SADAT AND SECRETARY BEFORE MAAMOURA MEETING, B) SECRETARY'S REMARK TO ACCOMPANYING PRESSMAN ON PLANE THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCORD IS ULTIMATELY IN ISRAEL'S INTEREST, C) SECRETARY'S PRESS STATEMENT BEFORE LEAVING JERUSALEM THAT HE DISCUSSED WITH GOI OFFICIALS ASPECTS OF ACCORD WITH EGYPT AND BILATERAL AMERICAN-ISRAELI ACCORD, AND D) RABIN'S VIEWS THAT PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS WILL NOT AFFECT HIS POLITICS AND THAT THEY ARE BEING EXPLOITED FOR SELF-INTEREST. SEPARATE FRONTPAGE ITEMS REPORT THAT WHILE SECRETARY PRESENTS PROPOSED ACCORD TO U.S. CONGRESS, MILITARY COMMITTEE REPRESENTING EGYPT AND ISRAEL WILL WORK ON RELATED ARRANGEMENTS, AND THAT U.S. ECONOMIC AID TO EGYPT WAS DISCUSSED DURING SADAT-KISSINGER MEETING. PAPER EXPECTS U.S. TO UP ECONOMIC AID TO EGYPT HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR'S \$250 MILLION.

9. AKHBAR AL-YOM SUMMARIZES STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT SADAT AND SECRETARY AT MAAMOURA. SEPARATE FRONTPAGE ITEMS REPORT A) IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCORD WILL REQUIRE "LESS THAN SIX MONTHS," B)

MONITORING TECHNICIANS WILL NOT BELONG TO U.S. GOVERNMENT, AND
C) DEMONSTRATORS IN ISRAEL ATTACKED SECRETARY'S CAR.

19. EDITORIALY, AL-AHRAM FEARS THAT GOI MAY USE DEMONSTRATIONS TO
JUSTIFY DELAY IN ACCORD CONCLUSION. 2 8, 8,534;832 285# -)-AHRAM,
SAUDI DEFENSE MINISTER SULAN BEN ABDEL-AZIZ FAVORS MULTI SOURCES
OF ARAB ARMS TO AVOID POLITICAL TIDES IN CASE OF SINGLE SOURCE.
CARTOON FIGURATIVELY SHOWS THAT, IN CAIRO, SECRETARY IS NEGOTIATING
WITH DELEGATBN REPRESENTING PEACE, ARABISM AND FREE
EGYPTIAN WILL. AKHBAR AL-YOM'YHEDITOR-IN-CHIEF MOSTAFA AMIN
CALLS FOR SELF-CONSTRUCTION IF MILITARY ACCORD IS SIGNED.
ANOTHER EDITORIAL COLUMN BY AMIN ANSWERS CRITICS BELIEVING THAT
GOE IS COMMITTING "GRAVE ERROR" BY DEPENDING ON U.S. PRESSURE
TO HAVE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ACHIEVED. AL-GOMHURIYA SAYS THAT
SECRETARY'S CURRENT EFFORTS HAVE MORE CHANCES FOR SUCCESS THAN
FOR FAILURE.

1. AL-AHRAM FRONTPAGES PHOTO ON U. -EGYPTIAN MEETING IN MAAMOURA
AND TWO PHOTOS ON PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS IN ISRAEL.
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